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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 9, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: